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Men's Tennis

Jackets head to Nationals

This year's men's tennis team was not one built around a superstar or two. There was no person who was established as a top threat to all opposing schools. And all the team was able to do was march to an 18-2 mark (with both losses coming at the hands of NCAA schools), sweep all the top spots in the MOC tournament, and win the NAIA District 22 championship and a trip to Kansas City and the Nationals for the 13th time in 16 years.

In the MOC tournament, play was stopped at the quarterfinal stage, when the only players left in the tournament were Cedarville men. The All-Conference team consisted of the Yellow Jackets' top six singles players.

The NAIA District match was held here, and demonstrated to every one the depth of Cedarville's squad. Cedarville's #6 man, freshman Dan DeLancey came up against Bluffton's #1 man and #1 seed in the tournament, Bill Ross, and handed him a three set setback. This seemed to be only fitting for the Yellow Jackets, because it was depth that had carried them through the season.

As many as three of the Yellow Jackets' starters were sidelined at one time due to injuries, moving other players into action. #7 man Randy Wilson saw action in a number of singles matches, as well as his role in doubles play.

Doug Wiseman was this year's #1 man on the squad, and held that position all season. A senior, Wiseman had his best year yet, and will be missed. At #2, freshman John DeLancey showed great strength, although he missed part of the early season due to a muscle pull. Curt

Berger, a junior transfer, was a dependable player at the #3 position, although he too missed part of the season due to injuries. Dale Schaechterle played the season at #4, with John Snoke at #5. Both are sophomores in eligibility, and have bright futures in the game, according to their coach. Freshman Dan DeLancey (John's brother) was a steady player at #6, and was often moved up one to three spots when needed. The team will leave for the NAIA Nationals on June 26-July 1, and Murdoch is hopeful of a good showing out in Kansas City. "This team has a lot of character, and we hope to have that come through in our play," stated Murdoch. "I have really been impressed with this group in the way that they have developed their potential. I have never had a team come along so fast."

In terms of next year, it doesn't look like Murdoch has too much to worry about. Wiseman and Brian Medlock are the only seniors on the squad, and Murdoch will tell you that he has more depth through his top twelve positions than he has ever had. In addition, each year has brought in a number of strong freshmen prospects, which cannot be underestimated, seeing that this year brought two who made the starting six. That has got to be great news for Cedarville tennis fans, but cause for grief among Yellow Jacket opponents, especially in NAIA District 22. This year the Jackets swept all eleven dual matches in the district, and have not lost one such match since 1967. Hopefully, the string will continue for a long time to come.



Freshman Craig Herl leads two Wittenberg runners to the finish line during a dual meet this season.

Trackmen have surprising season

Coach Elvin King's young squad managed to hold their own in a tough season, and were able to post a number of record-setting marks that will highlight the memories of this season.

According to Coach King, the team pulled off a number of surprises due to the hard work of the inexperienced team, plus the solid performances of the veterans who returned from last year's team.

One of the major new records set this year was in the pole vault, where Mark Peters capped a great career in this event by vaulting 15'6" in a meet against Wittenberg, smashing the old record of 14'6" that

he had set last year. Peters has been the Jackets premiere vaulter for the past four years, after a great high school career in Troy, Ohio.

Another surprise for the Jackets this year was the performance of Gary Yeager, a transfer from Rose Hulman (IN). Yeager, who became eligible shortly before the NCCAA National meet, set a new NCCAA record at the meet in the high jump, setting the new mark at 6'7".

In the 400 meters, Mark Bubel had another strong year, turning in a number of sub 50 second times, and winning the continued on page 2

Callan's Comments

Institutional Integrity

You may say, "What is 'institutional integrity' and why discuss it in the STING?" Let me share some of my thoughts with you concerning this subject.

Webster defines integrity as "a state of quality of being complete; undivided, entirety, a moral soundness; honesty, uprightness."

During the past decade we have witnessed the tremendous growth of Christian high schools as well as schools of higher learning. Nearly all of these institutions have athletics in one form or another. Athletic teams purportedly give the students of these institutions a sense of belonging, something to be proud of, and a central rallying point. They also give the institution a framework for developing young people athletically, socially and spiritually. All of these are noble causes for athletic programs, however, less desirable motivations often find their way into these programs and devastate the original intent. This is where institutional integrity, or lack of it, may surface.

Some areas where you may first recognize deviation from a position of integrity will likely include the following: questionable recruiting practices; un-

wholesome or antagonistic relationships with other institutions under the cloak of a "strong competitive spirit"; and special rules for athletes, such as overlooking poor grades or allowing outright arrogance and self-serving attitudes on the part of player and coach. Poor student body conduct in and around athletic contests may indicate poor leadership or program direction. Pressure from administration to produce a winner, no matter what the reason, could produce undesirable results.

It behooves us all to examine and evaluate our own attitudes regarding these issues and to determine to strive for perfection in athletics within the guidelines of Scriptural principles, to exhibit enthusiasm for excellence in skills, desires, attitudes, and outcomes. Someone once said to me, "It's not so important what John does to the ball as it is what the ball has done to John."

As you view athletics at Cedarville, our desire is that you will see integrity manifested in and through all aspects of our athletic program. We hope to present an example for others to emulate as we seek to balance the academic, social, and spiritual life through athletics.

Letters

Dear Dr. Callan,

I receive the STING and look forward to reading it and hearing about Cedarville athletics every three months. I read it through completely as soon as I get it. As an alumnus I find myself still very interested in sports at Cedarville.

As a coach I also give the paper to some of my players so that they can see Cedarville College and its athletic program. I particularly like your individual spotlights of certain athletes and about their individual lives and how they train, as well as their commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ. Many of my players want to know what kind of people play on Cedarville teams and in this way they can find out. I feel the STING was long needed and a big success.

In Christ,
John Iseminger, Jr.
Hagerstown, MD.

To Whom it may concern,

I just received my first issue of the STING and think that it is an excellent idea. I believe a paper like this, even expanded to other areas could be very helpful in promoting the school.

I would like to continue to receive it to promote it with my teens. Keep up the good work.

Because of God's love
Chuck Dutton
Silver Lake, WI

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NCCAA Nationals title in the event for the second year in a row. The big surprise in the event was Craig Herl, a freshman, who came on strong behind Bubel and finished third in the NCCAA Nationals. Herl surprised a lot of people, considering that he was new to the sport.

Overall, the team finished third in the NCCAA Nationals, behind first place Carson-Newman College and second place Liberty Baptist College. The race for second and third came down to the last event, with Liberty edging the Jackets by three points. This year's NCCAA meet was the biggest ever, and saw the level of competition reach new heights. Carson-Newman was the runaway winner, scoring 135 points to Liberty's 80, with Cedarville at 77. Biola was tied for fourth with 45, along with Mid-America Nazarene.

"In a meet this strong," said the coach, "we can be very pleased that we finished as well as we did. Our relay teams did an excellent job of holding their own, and scored points that we might not have been expected to get. The individual efforts of the various team members really made a difference for us. They really gave a lot."

In other competition, Cedarville was second to Malone College in both the MOC Conference meet and the NAIA District #22 meet, both held at Malone. "I was really pleased with our finish in both meets, and I think that they represent real victories for us. Malone finished 7th in the

nation in the NAIA, and to finish second against them is not bad," King explained.

Both Yeager and Peters went to the NAIA National Track Championships in Abilene, Texas this year. Neither placed in their events, but Coach King felt that the trip was a positive experience for them, as well as for him and for the Yellow Jacket program. "Not placing in the events is disappointing, but it is not an embarrassment to us, when you consider the fine performances that were turned in at the Nationals," King said. "And the opportunity to be represented there is a boost to our whole program. While I could see that we are not yet ready to compete as a team at the Nationals, it was apparent to me that we have kids here at Cedarville that can be National finishers."

When asked to comment on other events that meant a lot to the team, King cited the team's victory at the Findlay Invitational this year. It was the team's first victory of the season, and the biggest of the year in terms of meet size. "At Findlay, the team ran like real winners and they won. They really surprised me," confessed the coach.

In terms of next year, Coach King sees the squad as having great potential for improvement. The team will lose former All American Dale Shaw, James Spurrier, Rich Crist, and Tom Yater. Yater and Shaw were distance runners, with Yater taking third in the steeplechase in the NCCAA Nationals and Shaw a fourth in the 10,000 meter run. Spurrier has been a steady performer in the hurdles and relay teams, and Crist has been a mainstay at the shot put and discus. Other than these losses, King can look forward to maintaining the rest of his squad, with hopeful improvement from them, and the addition of new talent from next year's freshman class.

Mounts goes to Australia

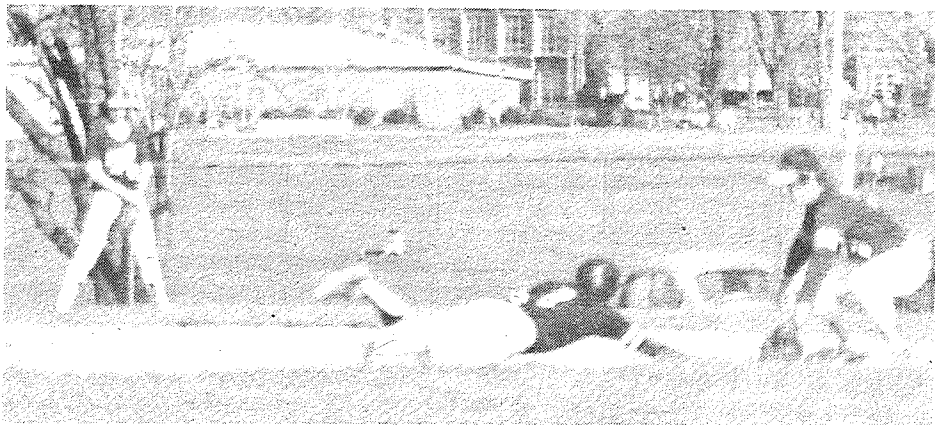
Eric Mounts, Cedarville's top scorer in basketball the last two seasons and fourth all-time scorer, has been selected by the NAIA as one of 16 student-athletes to travel to Australia as part of the second annual NAIA basketball tour to that country. In addition to playing as a team, these NAIA All-Stars will be divided up into groups of two to compete on amateur teams in two Australian leagues.

Mounts was an NAIA All-American Honorable Mention this year, and has received various other honors this season as well. He was co-captain of this year's 21-9 squad, and will be next year's captain.

The NAIA All-Stars will be coached by "Red" Myers of Erskine College (NC). The team will be meeting in Los Angeles for the first time, then flying on to Australia together.

Baseball

Young squad finishes at 16-16



Ron Hobar avoids a pick-off attempt as he dives back to first base.

Finishing 16-16, the Yellow Jacket baseball team had a lot of things to be happy about, but also a lot that they wish they could change. For first year coach Keith Clark, the season was a good introduction to the type of competitive ball played by the Jackets, and has prepared him for the next year.

This year's line up was one of the youngest that Cedarville has ever fielded. With only three seniors on the roster and only one as a regular starter, the emphasis on youth will have its effects in the years to come, according to the coach. Two of Clark's key evidences of this fact can be seen in his infield, where sophomores Ed Stewart and Ron Hobar were honored as NAIA All-District and MOC All-Conference players at shortstop and first base, respectively. Hobar took the batting crown for the Jackets with a .376 average, and was second in fielding average with a .961 mark. Stewart tied the Jackets home run record with 5, and led the squad with 32 runs batted in.

Cedarville's lone senior in the starting line up, Marty Devine, took All-District honors for his play in right field and for his bat. Devine set a new team record for triples, socking 9 three-baggers during the season.

Greg Greve, a junior first baseman, pitcher, and designated hitter was chosen as the MOC's DH on the All-Conference team this year, having batted .340 for the season, including 10 doubles and 28 RBI's.

The story of the season seemed to be splitting doubleheaders. The Jackets went one and one eight times during the season,

often putting together a super performance in one game, but letting an easy one go in the second, or vice versa. A case in point was the doubleheader with Mount Vernon Nazarene, MOC co-champions with Malone. The first game saw the Yellow Jackets shell Mount Vernon's NAIA leading pitching ace, 12-1, only to lose the second 6-5 in an error-plagued contest.

Errors were the other story of the season, and were a constant problem for the Jackets. Cedarville's squad made a whopping 79 errors during the season, 30 more than last season. While the Jackets did reduce their number of errors during the season, they could not seem to shake the problem, and often saw a wild throw or fielding error lose a game that seemed to be in the bag. Coach Clark says that this is definitely something that he hopes to improve upon next year, although he also admitted that it is not always easy to do.

In the pitching department, Cedarville's youth can only be seen as positive. Sophomore Mark Mathews posted a 6-3 record on the season, including a no hitter against Tiffin and a 3.00 ERA. Jeff Bowser, also a sophomore and a rookie baseball player, managed to post a 4-1 record on the season, with a 2.59 ERA. Bowser had to be one of the biggest surprises of the season, and showed great promise for the future.

Freshman Kurt Stewart saw action in 10 of the Yellow Jackets contests, 8 of them being in relief. As the Jackets top fireman, Stewart (no relation to Ed) had two saves and notched one shutout in his two starts. Posting a record of 1-0, his only victory was a one hitter in his first starting appearance after establishing himself as a reliever.

Teammate program provides involvement

Senior cheerleader Amy Young has been a firm believer in the fact that a cheerleader needs to do more than just stand on the sidelines at games and yell 'til she's hoarse. Her involvement in the athletic program has taken a different turn than one might expect, however, as she has spearheaded the "Teammate" program. This program is a prayer partner endeavor, in which members of the student body volunteer to serve as a secret prayer partner for various members of the athletic teams at Cedarville.

"About 200 of our students are involved in the program this year," said Amy, "one for each coach, player and manager." The program has been received quite well by the athletes, according to all reports. Amy stated that, "The athletes and others involved are very happy about their Teammate, and thankful. They really seem to appreciate the fact that there is a concerted effort on the part of students to pray for them."

The identification of the Teammate is kept secret throughout the year, with the athlete not finding out who he or she was until the end of the season. "Some of the athletes have taken their Teammates to their awards banquet as a kind of 'thank you' for their hard work through the season," Amy reported. "Generally, the athletes seem surprised that some one will spend that much time praying for them, and spend money on cards, favors, and so on. A lot of times it is not uncommon to hear the athletes talking in the locker rooms, asking questions like, 'What did you get from your Teammate today?'"

The actual job of putting the program together was taken by the varsity cheerleaders, with Amy taking care of the final steps. "The cheerleaders publicized the program and asked for volunteers. Then I compiled the list and sent out instructions to the students."



Senior cheerleader, Amy Young has spearheaded the teammate prayer partner program.

In addition to supporting the athletes in prayer, Teammates also were encouraged to communicate with their partners anonymously. "Teammates often sent cards or small gifts to the players on the day of games, and then of course we encouraged the members of the teams by attendance at contests."

Coach Don Callan can testify to the faithfulness of the Teammates. "We all saw the benefits of the program. I really appreciated my Teammate this year - she was just super. God was really good to me in providing her encouragement." His Teammate? Amy Young.



Brian Johnson launches a tee shot during play at Locust Hills, Cedarville's home course

Womack named All-District Golfers have hard time

This year's golf team had a hard road to go, facing the toughest district and conference competition in a long while. While the team posted a 3-8 record, golf coach Dr. Al Monroe felt that his squad gave a good accounting of themselves.

"The record doesn't really indicate the accomplishments that our team members achieved this year," said the coach. "The improvement in terms of numbers of strokes off of their averages, and sticking with their competition is not seen in the record. Malone was definitely the cream of the crop this year, but we still beat them here."

The team placed third in the NAIA District 22 match at Canton, OH, finishing behind first place Malone, and second place Walsh College. Cedarville's number one player, sophomore Mark Womack, was named to the All-District team following the match. This is the second year in a row that Womack has received this honor

- having been last year's district medalist.

In addition to Womack, Brian Johnson, Jim Baldwin, Mark Brant, and Ken Gentzler made the trip to Canton as the top five on the squad. Each of the five showed marked improvement over the season, according to their coach. None of them are seniors, which means that Monroe can look forward to having his team nearly intact this year - "nearly" being due to the fact that he has five good freshmen coming in next year, as well as a transfer from another NAIA school who is a 1 handicapper, and who has experience in the NAIA Nationals. "We were not very far from being a very strong team this year, and next year I think that we could surprise a lot of people," Monroe observed.

In the MOC tournament, played at Malone's home course, the Yellow Jackets finished a disappointing fourth behind Malone, Tiffin, and Walsh. "We did not have a good day, and it seemed like everyone else did. We just did not play anywhere near our potential," said Monroe. "The MOC is a very competitive conference, though. Every one in the conference managed to beat everyone else at least once, except for Malone, and we beat them."

The team members all experienced opportunities to share their faith with players from other schools and even made some impressions on opposing coaches. One coach remarked to another in the presence of Dr. Monroe that if he had a young person that he wanted to go to a good school, he would send him to Cedarville. Such unsought compliments bore witness to the team's solid testimony on the course.

Softball

Women finish in top 6 in state



Sue Kulp keeps her eye on the ball as she readies her bat.

This year's women's softball squad used team depth to post a 13-9 record this season, and to take them to the top six in the state in the OASIS Division III tournament this year. Depth had to come through for the team due to the loss of last year's all round best player, Brenda Hobar. And the Cedarville women were up to the challenge, managing to pull together impressive victories throughout the season.

According to Coach June Kearney, a real highlight of the season had to be winning two games at the state

tournament, a first for the women. Cedarville went into the state tourney with hopes of doing well, and they were not disappointed. "Of course we would have liked to win it all, but we were happy to put in a good showing at Wittenberg (the site of the tournament)," commented Dr. Kearney.

Sue Kulp took this year's team award as Most Valuable Player. One of her major contributions to the team was her RBI total, 33, which was the top mark for the Jackets. Kulp's batting and defensive play were both cited by the coach as vital to the team's success.

Debbie Fakan took the team honors in batting, hitting at a .483 clip. Senior Vicki Butler took the home run championship for the team with 4, and also was voted the team's Best Defensive Player. Barb Vinson tied with Kulp as the RBI champ with 33. Luann Butler was chosen by her teammates as the Most Improved Player on this year's squad.

Vicki Butler was honored by the OASIS as a member of the Division III All-Tourney team, due to her superb play at first base. Earlier this year, Butler achieved a similar honor at the Division III basketball state tourney.

Coach Kearney is excited about the prospects of next season. "We will lose a number of seniors (Kelp and Vicki Butler among them), but this year's experience has really helped in developing some really strong talent for the coming season. You always hear about a 'building or rebuilding year,' but I think this one really qualifies for that term, and hopefully we will show that through continued improvement next year," commented the coach.

One major improvement that will occur next year regardless of the team is the condition of the field, or more precisely, a new field. This year the women had to play on a makeshift field due to the construction of the new fieldhouse on the former site. "It made for some strange hops on the ball, and was not what you would call a desirable situation," said the coach. One such freak bounce of the ball led to a broken nose for Laurie Butler, the third of the Butler sisters on the team.



Mark Womack was named to the NAIA District 22 All-District team for the second year in a row.

Athletes For Christ set tour

Once again, Cedarville athletes are participating in the Athletes for Christ outreach to the Philippines. Athletes for Christ is a part of the Cedarville College Missionary Internship Service program and involves athletes in missions through the use of their particular sport. This year's basketball team will again be under the direction of Dr. Don Callan, head basketball coach at Cedarville and chairman of the M.I.S. committee at the college. This marks the sixth trip to the Philippines for Callan in the 8 years that Cedarville will have sent a team. Also traveling with the team will be Roy Carr, the leader of last year's team and a veteran of three previous trips.

Each member of the team is required to raise \$1500.00 in support to cover travel and living expenses for the entire tour, which will last approximately one month.

In addition to playing basketball with national teams, the Athletes for Christ will be singing and giving testimonies to the crowds at halftime, and be involved in literature distribution after each game. The team will be working with national pastors and with missionaries of the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism.

Presently the team is engaged in music and basketball practices, and each is also involved in attempting to raise their support through letters and through speaking in churches. Several churches have had the team as a whole come and present their ministry.

According to Dr. Callan, the biggest problem is working out travel arrangements. "We operate on a very low budget, and have to work to get the very best air fare possible. With the changes in rates coming almost overnight, that can be a tremendously difficult job," the coach stated. "Every change in fares or arrangements means either having to raise the cost of the trip or cut something else out of the trip."

When asked why he goes through this type of hassle year after year, even when he isn't going, the coach said, "The main reason why I do this is because of the ministry we can have over there and the ministry that going will have in the lives of these guys. This may be the first time any one of them really has to come to the end of themselves and rely totally on God for strength and for help. And it may be the way the Lord speaks to one of them about missions as a life calling."



Members of this year's Athletes for Christ team include: Front row: (l-r) Chris Johnson, Gary Kuhn, Mark Womack, Larry Green. Second row: Kent Craig, Greg Greve, Ted DeShields, Drew Baker, and Dr. Callan. Not pictured is Roy Carr.

STING Interview

S.I.D. adds to sports program

What's in a name? Well if the name happens to be "Sports Information Director" and it is at the top of a job description at Cedarville College, then it means a lot of things — especially to Craig Miller, this year's S.I.D. Miller, a 1979 graduate of Cedarville, was hired this year by the Athletic Department to work in sports information, a broad range of responsibilities that includes weekly releases on all sports teams, special news releases to local media concerning major events, and reporting of all team scores to local media as well as national wire services.

Miller's greatest responsibility came in the formulation and production of the STING, this year's new sports publication. Prior to his work on the STING, Miller spent two and a half years as the Co-editor and Editor of the Whispering Cedars, the student newspaper, from 1976-78. Miller related that he writes most of the copy for each issue, and also works on some of the photography, and works in the layout of the paper. "It is not really a one-man operation, though," he says. "There is no way that I could get all of the things done that need to be done without a lot of people who help in the various facets of the production." Even so, a great deal of Miller's time four times a year has gone to the composition, production, and mailing of the STING.

When asked to comment on the response to the paper, Miller stated, "I am quite happy that the STING seems to be so well received by its readers. We seem to have met a real need to tell people about our programs, and the philosophy behind them." The mailing list for the newspaper has tripled since its inception, according to its editor.

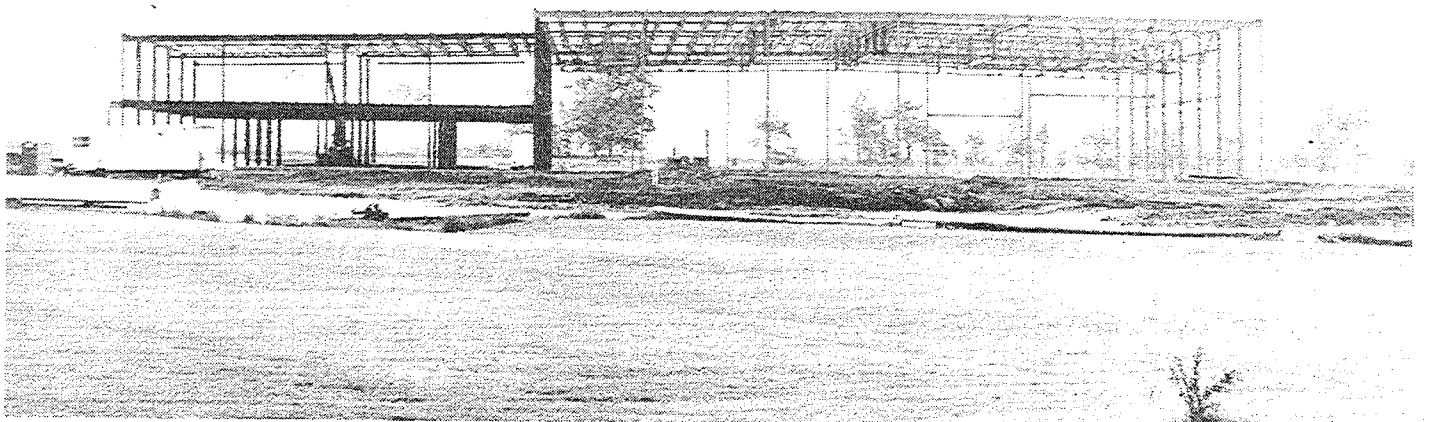
Miller has found himself quite heavily involved in many aspects of the athletic program as Sports Information Director. One of the things that he enjoys most is the personal contact with the team members on the different athletic squads. "I have found that our athletes are some of the finest people I have had the privilege of knowing," commented the S.I.D. "These guys have made a real impact on our campus by their lives, and have really

evidenced to me that they have a desire to use their athletic abilities to glorify the Lord." Miller has traveled with the basketball team as a statistician, and made the trip to Florida with the baseball team as well. In addition, he has been highly visible at the various other home athletic activities. "I really enjoy coming to our games, and find that I can't help but get excited for our teams. I really get emotionally involved — I hate to see them lose," he confessed.

Miller will be leaving the staff of the Athletic Department this year to continue his education. He plans to be in seminary this fall, and eventually hopes to be a missionary in Australia. While excited about the future, Miller admits some sadness.

"I will definitely miss this place," Miller said. "The people in the department are just super, and have really built into my life. The athletes have been a real blessing to work with and for. The excitement of our programs is beyond description. I am just thankful to God that He gave me the opportunity to experience all these things first hand."

FIELDHOUSE CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES



The new athletic-academic complex has progressed, with the steel superstructure now in place. Construction will continue as funds come in. Presently about one-fourth of the funds for the total project have been received.

Women's Tennis

Netters make progress

Dr. Pamela Diehl's charges on the tennis court experienced some rough going, but managed to come out of the season with some real bright spots for the future. The team, posting a record of 4-7, hosted the OASW Division III western satellite tournament as a prelude to the state finals. In that tourney, # 6 singles Colene Fox managed to win her bracket and advance to state finals; as did # 3 doubles team Nancy Oscar and Cathy Boyd. In addition, # 5 singles Shawn Taylor and # 2 doubles Landa Penquite and Janell Decker qualified as at-large competitors. At the finals, both Fox and the team of Oscar and Boyd lost in the second round, while Taylor and the team of Penquite and Decker lost in first round competition.

Dr. Diehl noted that the team's schedule, while tough, did provide the team with good competition, and also showed that the team is getting stronger. "Our girls are really giving a lot when they are out there on the court, and developing some real character. They don't give up, and manage to hang in there," commented their coach. "I think that the biggest thing that we lack is consistency. One day we play like we could win everything, and the next it just isn't there. But then, that's true in every sport, and in life, too."

Dr. Diehl also expressed her pleasure with the way that the team pulled together

and worked well as a unit. "I think that the Florida trip was a great start and the spirit that we developed then stayed with us through the entire year. The growth in each one of the girl's lives was fantastic to see."

In looking toward the future, Coach Diehl will have most of her starting lineup returning next year, with the only losses being Landa Penquite and Shawn Taylor, who will be graduating. The rest of the squad will be intact for the season next year. When asked about recruits for next year, Dr. Diehl stated, "I really can't tell a lot until I see some of the talent that will be coming. I know that we have some girls coming in with plenty of high school experience, which will be somewhat unusual. Most high schools, especially Christian high schools, have not had tennis as a women's sport. I think that between the returnees that we have and the girls coming in next year, we will be even more competitive than we were this year."

According to Dr. Diehl, much of the progress that she hopes to see next year will depend on the work that the team does in the off-season. "The team came back this past year with improved games down the line. If that trend continues next year, I will be very pleased, and I think we will like the results even better."